

**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STATE  
RESEARCH UNIVERSITY TO FOCUS ON  
ENHANCING STATE TRUST LANDS**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages state research universities to study ways to identify resources on state lands and enhance the utilization of those resources.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ encourages state research universities to study and assess the resources to be found on state trust lands; and
- ▶ encourages state research universities to study the ways in which those resources could be put to use for the best interest of the beneficiaries of the trust lands.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, an assessment of the resources available on state trust lands and the uses they could be put to for the benefit of Utah's school children and other beneficiaries of the trust lands are tasks of potentially great significance to the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, the assessment could include a review of what benefits trust beneficiaries derive from state lands and what management options would significantly change the benefits



that Utahns derive from state lands;

WHEREAS, additional issues could include a study of what changes to state law would significantly alter the benefits that trust beneficiaries derive from state lands and the prospect of a "best practices" and bench marking review of how other states manage their state lands;

WHEREAS, state research universities are in a unique position to offer their skills and expertise to those seeking answers to these questions;

WHEREAS, the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration could provide significant assistance in this research effort by making much needed data available; and

WHEREAS, developing a coordinated strategy in the design of the review and partnering with state agencies with expertise could greatly aid research universities in this effort:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages state research universities to conduct an assessment of resources to be found on state trust lands and the various ways in which those resources could be utilized for the best interest of the trust beneficiaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages state agencies, including the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, to work cooperatively with state research universities who would undertake such a challenging project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Utah State University, the University of Utah, and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 2-1-06 10:02 AM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note****Bill Number HJR028****Resolution Encouraging State Research University to Focus on Enhancing  
State Trust Lands***10-Feb-06**2:46 PM*

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**State Impact**

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**